THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are not understanding my language. Let me speak very slowly. This matter is not in my hands. What happened in this House today has to be dismissed in the Business Advisory Committee, not with me. You discuss the matter with the Chairman. Shall I repeat it again?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: This is the forum where we can ventilate our grievances.

Re. Award of a contract to a Swedish Company by Railways

THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Madam, I wish to draw the attention of the entire House, cutting across party lines. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order please.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I draw the attention of the House to a mega scandal. This relates to the award of a contract worth 190 million dollars to the Swedish company, ABB, by the Railway Ministry. The hon. Railway Minister, Mr. Jaffer Sharief, in his reply to the debate on the Railway Budget, gave certain clarifications, and, today, his Department has come out with a Press statement. The statements are false, (a) on account of that being the cheapest, and (b), on account of that being the proven technology. On both these counts, the statements are belied by the documents I have. I have six documents. I am prepared to lay them on the Table of the House, by authenticating them. This is a mega scandal involving foreign exchange. I would request Congress (I) Members to listen to me. I am sure they will support me. What I am trying to tell you is, the public sector undertaking, namely, BHEL, has been ignored, to favour a foreign company, though the public sector undertaking offered better terms, with world-proven technology. I am prepared to prove my contention through these documents.

Madam, I must say this in fairness to the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry, that they opposed the award of the contract to the foreign company. In spite of that, the Railway Ministry proceeded with the award of the contract to the Swedish company, ABB. I, therefore, demand a statement from the Ministry, a discussion in the House, and an enquiry by a Joint Parliamentary Committee. I am prepared to prove it here with documentary evidence. If the Chair permits, I am prepared to lay them on the Table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you cant. I have not permitted. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): We all support this. There should be a full debate on this.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): It is a very serious affair and the Government must make a statement.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh): I have raised the issue of privilege.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Have you given the notice? (*Interruptions*). If you have given, that is all right, it will go to the Chairman for his consideration. (*Interruptions*). Just a minute. Mr. Jacob is saying something.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं जयपाल रेड्डी जी की बात का समर्थन करता हूं। रेल मंत्री जी को इस पर बयान देना चाहिए और यह कांट्रेक्ट कैंसिल होना चाहिए। इसमें जो लोग दोषी पाये जायें उनके खिलाफ एक्शन लिया जाना चाहिए। 17 तारीख को मैंने भी इसी हाउस में इसी बात को उठाया था और आज जयपाल रेड्डी जी ने उठाया है। मैं इस बात का पुरजोर समर्थन करता हूं और मांग करता हूं कि रेल मंत्री जी इस पर अपना बयान दें और इस पर एक्शन भी लेना चाहिए। **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त (मध्य प्रदेश) : सदर साहिबा, लीडर आफ द अपोजिशन ने जो शिकायत उठाई है वह... **(व्यवधान)**

†[شری سکندر بخت : صدر صاحبہ۔ لیڈر آف دا اپوزیشن نے جو شکایت اٹھائی ہے وہ .. (مداخلت) ..]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not having a debate on it.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : उनकी शिकायत से वास्ता कर सकता हूं। लेकिन मेरा कहना यह है जैसा उन्होंने कहा कि फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर साहब के एतराज के बावजूद यह कांट्रेक्ट उनको दिया गया है तो फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर साहब यहां बैठे हुए हैं वह इस पर रोशनी डालें। **(व्यवधान)**

†[شری سکندر بخت : انکی شکایت سے وابستہ کر سکتا ہوں۔ لیکن میرا کہنا یہ ہے جیسا انہوں نے کہا کہ فائنینس منسٹر صاحب کے اعتراض کے باوجود یہ کانٹریکٹ انکو دیا گیا ہے تو فائنینس منسٹر صاحب یہاں بیٹھے ہوئے ہیں وہ اس پر روشنی ڈالیں .. (مداخلت) ...]

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): I have just one sentence to add. What the Leader of the Opposition has said is a very serious matter. It casts doubt about the probity of the entire Government. Therefore, I would suggest that not only the Finance Minister who is present here should respond, but also that all further action in the award of this contract should be immediately suspended and no decision should be taken until the matter has been thoroughly discussed in Parliament and a view has been taken. No further action be taken in the matter.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I have moved a privilege motion. I may be permitted.

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you wish to move the privilege, you give the notice to the Chairman. Let it go to the Chairman. Let him consider. When he considers, I will let you know.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: You kindly permit me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not permitting any more.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I will be able to say why I have moved the privilege motion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your issue of privilege?

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: In the motion of privilege three issues are involved.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No details. Yesterday when Members were raising the privilage issue I have very clearly said, please say that your privilege is on this contract or whatever it is, but not the details. Until and unless the privilege motion... (*Interruptions*). Don't give the details.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: One, that this House has been held in contempt. There is a breach of privilege of the Members of this House and the Union Cabinet and, therefore, Rajya Sabha is involved. It is there in the newspaper on the front page. It is not something that I have made up. Secondly, the Editor of 'Indian Express' has used the word which in itself is derogatory and questioning the standing and status of the Members of Parliament. It is, "Sharief lied to Rajya Sabha." I want this to be established whether Mr. Sharief has lied or whether he is not lying. That is important to us because the word used is derogatory in itself inherently. Then it says that the Minister has taken an incorrect decision. If that report is supposed to be correct, then Shri Sharief has knowingly misled the House and the Member. Either way, we stand in collective shame that we are going to permit such a severe breach of privilege of us, as Members, that we are known to lie or that we have taken an incorrect decision. If we have no lied, then the concerned

newspaper which has carried this, has to come forward. Since the Leader of the Opposition, my hon. colleague has said... (*Interruptions*).

श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति महोदया, मैंने कल गृह मंत्री जी के खिलाफ विशेषाधिकार के हनन का प्रस्ताव दे रखा है। समाचार पत्रों से यह पता चला है....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You cannot take up that matter till the Chairman permits. I won't allow you.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : समाचार पत्रों से यह पता चला है कि गृह मंत्री जी ने यह मान लिया है कि उनके मंत्रालय में उनके यहां बात करने से 14 घंटे पहले उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार की ओर से उत्तर आ चुका था। इसके बाद भी उन्होंने गुमराह करने की कोशिश की है। संसद का समय बर्बाद किया है और उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार की बदनामी की है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि यह जो मैंने विशेषाधिकार के हनन का प्रस्ताव दिया हुआ है उसके संबंध में क्या हुआ है? (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I don't know. When the Chairman informs me, I will let you know.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, what Mr. Jaipal Reddy said..., (*Interruptions*)

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : महोदया, चेयरमैन साहब तो 12 बजे चले जाते हैं। हम को तो आप से ही शिकायत करनी पड़ेगी।

उपसभापति : आप खुशी से शिकायत करें, मुझे कोई एतराज नहीं है।

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : चेयरमैन साहब तो 12 बजे के बाद ज्यादा देर तक रहते नहीं हैं। हमें तो आप से ही शिकायत करनी पड़ेगी।

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उपसभापति : आप जरूर शिकायत करिये, मैं आपकी शिकायत पहुंचा दूंगी।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, what Mr. Jaipal Reddy has stated is, he is prepared to authenticate the documents and lay them on the Table.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I won't permit; I am not permitting.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He has sought your permission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not permitting.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You are not giving him permission to unravel the truth.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I will not give the permission... (*Interruptions*) ...I will not allow; I am not giving permission... (*Interruptions*)...Now, Mr. Dipen Ghosh, I am not allowing... (*Interruptions*)...I am not allowing... (*Interruptions*)...That matter is closed. I am not allowing.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, it is a privilege of the entire Rajya Sabha.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing. Please don't interrupt. It is enough. Mr. Dipen Ghosh, you know it very well—I have been in this Chair for very long now and you have been in this House for a long time—that I never permit any papers to be laid on the Table of the House by any Member—authenticated or unauthenticated. If the Chairman wants, let him permit him.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: But what is the harm in allowing him to lay authenticated papers on the Table? ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I won't. ....(*Interruptions*)...I won't...(*Interruptions*)... I won't.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, the question is...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I won't. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, the question is finding out the truth about the allegation made by Mr. Jaipal Reddy. In such a case, I think you will be creating a very good tradition if you allow him to lay the papers on the Table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, but I will not allow it... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: It would facilitate unravelling of the truth about this affair.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I say, no; no.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: What is wrong with the Ministry of Railways?

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Madam, I want to ask you, do you think the issue is serious enough or not? If it is serious enough, how do you propose... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I don't propose anything. It is not my job to propose. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, this is unfair... (*Interruptions*)... As we were raising this matter, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister was getting up to make a speech. We were referring to the Finance Minister but he has left the House. ...(*Interruptions*)... Are we knocking at deaf ears? This is highly objectionable... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: What is this? They are running away from ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: He has referred to the Finance Minister.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: A senior leader, Mr. Sikander Bakht, wanted the Finance Minister to react because he alleged that despite the Finance Ministry's objection the Railway Ministry has awarded this contract. A senior Member, Mr. Sikander Bakht, wanted the Finance Minister to react.

...(*Interruptions*)...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): It is never a practice in this House, Madam, to reach to anything and everything.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I also raised this point. I say, the Finance Minister... ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We have documentary proof.

...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Everybody, sit down. Please sit down; please take your seats.

आप सब बैठिये

श्री सिकंदर बख्त : सदर साहिबा यह सब क्या हो रहा है ? मेरा कहना यह है कि आप कोई वक्त तो मुकर्रा कीजिये ताकि हक बकायदा इसको हाउसम उठा सकें ।

†[شری سکندر بخت : صدر صاحبہ
یہ سب کیا ہو رہا ہے - میرا کہنا
یہ ہے کہ آپ کوئی وقت تو مقرر
کیجئے تاکہ ہم باقاعدہ اسکو ہاؤس
میں اٹھا سکیں]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: About any matter raised in the House, I cannot ask the Minister to react immediately. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is there. He has noted down the points; he will inform the Government. When the Government wants, it will come and react.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Finance Minister was here. Why did he leave the House? ...(*Interruptions*)...

उपसभापति : आप सब बैठिए ।

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: The Finance Minister is here!

...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Where you? ...(*Interruptions*)... Are they so incompetent?

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Madam, you should direct the Government to react.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: You should direct the Government to react, that there should be an embargo on the award of this contract. Let the Parliamentary Affairs Minister say. ...(*Interruptions*)... You have done it two, three days before. ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: We request Mr. N. K. P. Salve, a Member of the Congress Party, to react. It is not a party matter. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You are taking Rajya Sabha for a ride.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: We want an assurance, Madam Deputy Chairman, from whoever can give it on behalf of the Government, that no action will be taken in this matter until we have debated it.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। ..(**व्यवधान**).. मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न यह है कि जब श्री दीपेन घोष बजट पर भाषण करने के लिये खडे हुए– परिपाटी यह है, कन्वेंशन यह है कि .....(**व्यवधान**)...जैसे ही श्री दीपेन घोष खडे हुए तो फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर उठकर चले गये। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, please. What is this going on? बैठ जाइये। आपको सजा दी है क्या खड़े होने की? बैठिये आराम से

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : मेरा आपसे निवेदन है कि कम से कम इस रे में आप व्यवस्था दीजिये। कन्वेंशन है कि अगर फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर मौजूद हैं तो श्री दीपेन घोष के भाषण से पहले उनको यहां से आप की अनुमति लेकर जाना चाहिये था। लेकिन जैसे ही वे बोलने के लिये खड़े हुए.. (**व्यवधान**)..

उपसभापति : मैं चेयर पर नहीं थी। मुझे मालूम नहीं कि अनुमति ली या नहीं। I will have to find it out. I cannot just say something about what happened two days ago. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: He is coming back with Press materials in his hand to respond. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just sit down.

Yes, Mr. Salve.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, whatever the Leader of the Opposition says must be heard with respect....

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: And with reverence.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: ...and must be taken seriously by the entire House to maintain the dignity of the House. Especially when he makes such a serious allegation, a very serious note has to be taken both by this side and by that side. About that there is no doubt. But, Madam, it is not possible, according to the Rules of Business of this House....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: ....to arrange for an instant debate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We cannot allow it. (*Interruptions*)

No, Mr. Sikander Bakht. Mr. Sikander Bakht, have some patience.

आप बड़ी जल्दी जल्दी घबरा जाते हैं।

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, so far as the issue is concerned, it is very serious, and nobody will be able to get away with an issue like this, I can assure him.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Thank you.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: But, please don't try to violate every possible rule to seek an instant debate. Mr. Sinha has made an important point that in the meanwhile no precipitate action should be taken. He has himself been in the Government, and I would like to ask him whether any Government, after all this turbulence in Parliament, after all the furore that has been raised in Parliament, would still proceed, unless the Government itself would be on a very sure footing. Therefore, I would submit, Madam,.... (*Interruptions*)

Will you listen to me, please? (*Interruptions*) Supposing for a moment... (*Interruptions*)

I am addressing specially through you to Mr. Sinha. Supposing for a moment they find that everything that was said here by Mr. Jaffer Sharief was true and correct and Mr. Jaipal Reddy's averments are untrue and they find a solid footing for it, well, the Government may go ahead with it. But what is more important....

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: There must be a discussion also.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: The highest of importance must be attached, the highest of credibility and probity must be attached to what the Leader of the Opposition says in a delicate matter like this which involves the question of the probity of the Government itself, which, in my opinion, cannot be brushed aside. I have said that already.

Now I am replying to the point raised by Mr. Sinha. This is an important point. He does not want any precipitate action while these allegations are pending against the Government. Madam, all that I can say for myself is that in a situation like this the Government itself cannot and would not act because—he has been a Minister, and I have been a Minister—we know that unless the situation is otherwise, unless the Government knows that all these allegations are there but that all these allegations mean nothing, it cannot act. But, in the meanwhile, Madam, one thing I support is: let this matter be properly thrashed out according to the Rules of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now that matter is closed.

Now we will take up the General Budget. (*Interruptions*) That matter is closed.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: How can you close that matter?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Because there is no rule before me. When there is no rule before me to allow further discussion on this, no.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: One minute, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not permitting either one minute or half a minute. The matter is closed. (*Interruptions*)

Please ask him to sit down. That matter is closed. (*Interruptions*) Nothing on this matter will be recorded.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not being recorded.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not being recorded.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: *

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I cannot permit the Finance Minister to react. I have to start the Budget. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: How can you prevent me, Madam? We are all appealing through you to let the Government make a statement on this issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we go on to the General Budget. Mr. Swaminathan.

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* Not recorded.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Mr. Jaipal Reddy has said that Finance Ministry had opposed this contract and in spite of that the Railway Ministry is going ahead with it. Would the Finance Minster... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Let them assure the House that they are not going to proceed further with the contract.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we take up the General Budget. Except Swaminathan, nothing will go on record. (*Interruptions*) Nothing now.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: *

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: *

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You let him speak now.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, I have listened to all the speeches made by the leaders on the other side, including what the Leader of the Opposition said in the beginning. I was also listening to Mr. Salve's reaction to it. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister will certainly meet the Finance Minister, the Railway Minister and communicate this to him. Then I will come back to you. Let us see what he says. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That matter is over now. Before I ask Mr. Swaminathan to speak on the General Budget, I must make an announcement. We have to finish the Budget today somehow. I have requested the private Member, Shri Suresh Pachouri—and he has agreed—to change the Private Member's Business from today to Tuesday, because we have to send the Budget back to the Lok Sabha. That is why we are taking up the Budget and are finishing it today. The Appropriation Bill which is being returned today, if the House so agrees, we will vote today only along with the Budget so that on Monday we can take up Kashmir and Manipur Budgets.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : ढाई से पांच बजे तक सब पोस्टपोन है न? **(व्यवधान)**

*Not recorded.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Half-an-Hour Discussion is also postponed. Everything is postponed. Half-an-hour discussion is postponed, and clarifications are postponed. Except for Budget we would not have any discussion today.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : नहीं, नहीं, मेरा निवेदन यह है **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Everything. The entire Private Members' business is postponed.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: What time will the Minister reply to the Budget? **(व्यवधान)**

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : क्यों नहीं होगा **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We can have lunch hour today at 1.30 As the Members have taken so much time of the House, can we have lunch hour from 1.30 to 2.30 if the House so agrees?

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: No lunch hour is needed, Madam. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. I have no objection. Whatever the Members want. I want the Members' right to speak. If the Members like to have lunch, they are most welcome to have lunch. I have no objection.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: It is an ordinary lunch. You know that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In any case I am fasting. So, I am not having any lunch.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, this is not the right to lnuch, this is right to have Namaz (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I never saw Mr. Gopalsamy going to any Mosque. (*Interruptions*) Anyway. we will have the lunch hour as usual from 1.30 to 2.30. Then we can have the reply of the Minister at 5.30 if the Members are restrained in speeches and try to compress

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : मंगलवार को भी लंच आवर होगा न? हनुमान जी के दर्शन के लिए जाना पड़ता है (**व्यवधान**) मंगलवार को एक से ढाई बजे तक लंच होना चाहिये (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : आप जरूर डिमांड करिये (**व्यवधान**)

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, मेरा एक सबमिशन है अगर आप इजाजत दें। मामला बहुत ही ज्यादा सेक्युलरिज्म का हो गया है हमारे नमाज के लिए . . (**व्यवधान**) मैं यह कह रहा था कि अगर पूरे हाउस की डिजायर है कि आज लंच आवर में हाउस बुलाया जाए तो मैं अपने मुस्लिम मेम्बरान से गुजारिश करूंगा कि वे नमाज के वक्त नमाज पढ़ने के लिए चले जाएं। अगर इस दरम्यान किसी मुस्लिम मेम्बर का नाम बोलने के लिए आ जाता है तो उसको आगे मौका दे दिया जाए या उससे पहले दे दिया जाए। अगर इससे सेक्युलरिज्म की रिवायत पर अच्छा असर पड़ता हो. . . (**व्यवधान**) अगर जुमे की नमाज के लिए हाउस बंद होगा तो इससे सेक्युलरिज्म पर बड़ा असर पड़ेगा . . . (**व्यवधान**)

†[شری محمد افضل عرف م - افضل

(اتوپر دیش) : میڈم میرا ایک سبمیشن ہے اگر آپ اجازت دیں - معاملہ بہت ہی زیادہ سیکولرازم کا ہو گیا ہے ہمارے نماز کیلئے . . . (مداخلت) . . . میں یہ کہہ رہا تھا کہ اگر پورے ہاؤس کی ڈزائر ہے کہ آج لنچ آور میں ہاؤس بلایا جائے تو میں اپنے مسلم ممبران سے گزارش کرونگا کہ وہ نماز کے وقت نماز پڑھنے کیلئے چلے جائیں اگر اس درمیان کسی مسلم ممبر کا نام بولنے کیلئے آ جاتا ہے تو اسکو آگے موقع دیدیا جائے یا اس سے پہلے دیدیا جائے اگر اس سے سیکولرازم کی روایات پر اچھا اثر پڑتا ہو اگر جمعہ کی نماز کیلئے ہاؤس بند ہوگا تو اس سے سیکولرازم پر برا اثر پڑیگا . . . (مداخلت) . . .]

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : मैं इसका पूरा समर्थन करता हूं।

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam, I support my hon. friend, Mr. Afzal. It should be taken note of. When you have agreed for lunch hour, Mr. Pramod Mahajan also got up and said that they have to go to Hanuman' temple on Tuesday. Mr. Afzal is very much right in saying.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: What is wrong?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I don't want to extend that matter, please. Unfortunately if somebody says 'yes' or 'no, it becomes a matter of discussion. It really pain me. Let us not stretch it. If you want to have lunch, you are most welcome to go and have lunch. If you don't wan' to have lunch, don't have lunch. I have no objection. It is entirely in the hands of the Members. We can sit till 12 o'clock in the night. There would be no problem of lunch. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs will give us the lunch. The reply will be at 5.30 P.M. whether any body speaks or does not speak. . . (*Interruptions*) . . . You cannot have your cake and eat it also.

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SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam Deputy Chairman, yesterday following the speeches of the various Members who have spoken in this House, I took up the matter regarding the model that we have been following in this country over a period of 40 years and I have stated that this economic policy model that we have been adopting in this country has not taken us anywhere. One of the hon. Members here who spoke before me also said that the number of people who are unemployed in this country according to the statistics was about ten crores both in urban and rural areas.